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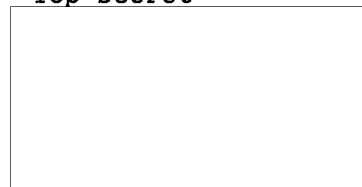
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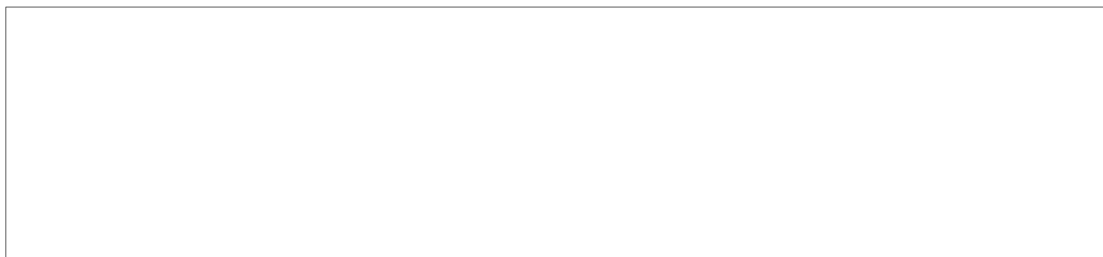


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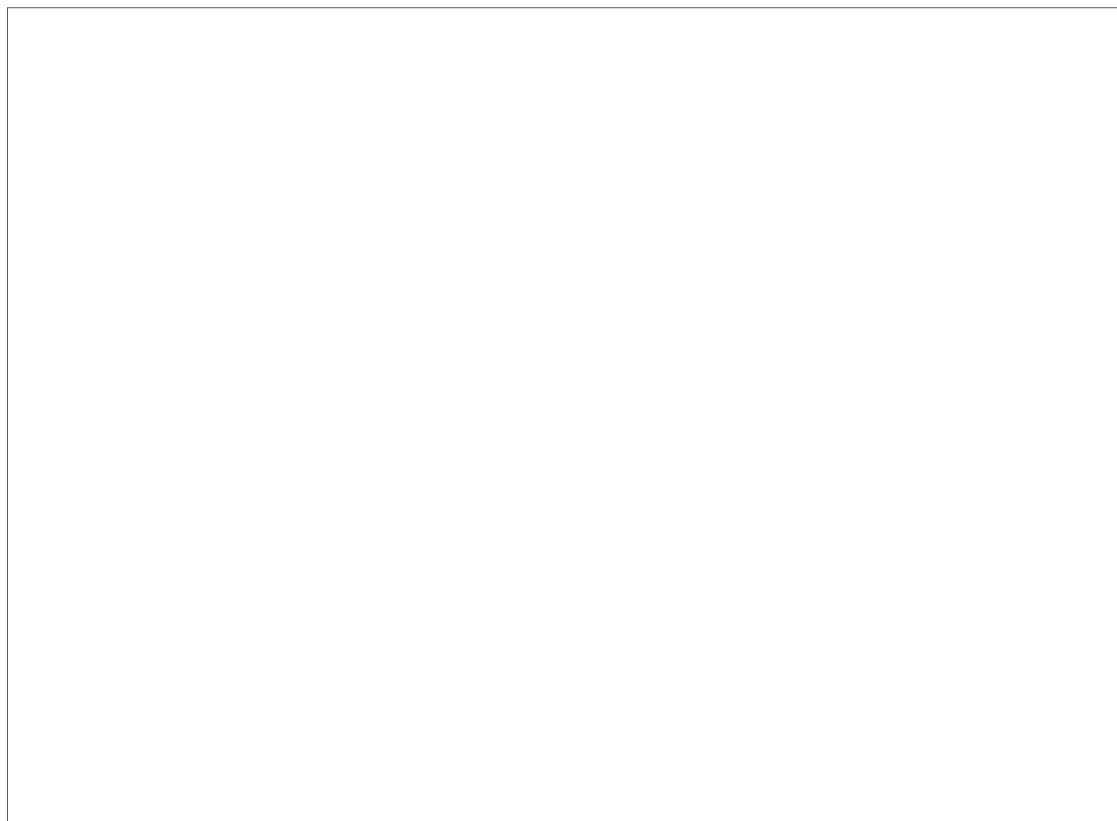
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USSR-US: Gromyko-Haig Meeting

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Soviet expectations regarding the meeting today between Foreign Minister Gromyko and Secretary of State Haig--already lower following the imposition of Western sanctions--probably have declined further with the downgrading of its length and scope. [redacted]

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[redacted] The idea of a US-Soviet summit meeting this year, however, recently has been given renewed emphasis by the Soviets in public and in private. [redacted]

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Comment: Soviet hopes of what the meeting would accomplish were probably raised following President Reagan's speech on arms control in November, the opening of INF talks, and the President's public reference to a possible summit meeting in 1982. Moscow, however, sees subsequent events relating to Poland as strengthening strains of "ideological" resoluteness in Washington against the influence of advocates of a more "pragmatic" approach. [redacted]

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Gromyko is likely to take an unyielding approach. He will contend that US toughness will only lead to a similar Soviet response. [redacted]

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Nonetheless, Gromyko will seek to obtain a reading of the current US mood and intent on several key issues. He said upon his arrival at Geneva yesterday he would not discuss Poland, but he probably will want to know what conditions would lead to additional Western sanctions on Poland and what could bring about an easing of existing ones. [redacted]

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Gromyko will be especially interested in any US flexibility on INF. He probably will push for talks to begin and will defend the value of the SALT II Treaty; he may, however, hold out promise of serious consideration for new US proposals on issues such as arms reductions and verification measures. He also may probe US attitudes on a summit meeting later this year. [redacted]

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1/2 The removal yesterday by President Nimeiri of First Vice President and Defense Minister Khalil from all his posts could touch off a major power struggle. [redacted]

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Nimeiri's precipitate action comes on the heels of meetings with senior military leaders. [redacted]

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1/5 [redacted] Nimeiri told the US Charge yesterday that reports of his imminent resignation were untrue. [redacted]

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2 Comment: Khalil has considerable support among senior Army officers, and some of them could decide that it is time to move against Nimeiri. The extent of the President's strength is uncertain, but it has been slipping. An attempt to remove him could result in clashes between units loyal to him and those backing Khalil. [redacted]

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